

STREET SMART

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Newsletter and Meeting Schedule for the SANBAG Board of Directors

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SANBAG BOARD MEETING BRIEFS*

* The entire meeting agenda can be viewed online at www.sanbag.ca.gov/about/agenda.

SANBAG, SCAG Collaborate on RTP/SCS

SANBAG's Board of Directors (Board) approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) authorizing collaboration between SANBAG and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to implement the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS).

The RTP/SCS is the transportation plan for the region which also outlines the region's strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions through a mixture of land use, housing, and transportation improvements. A collaborative effort is important across the region to effectively develop a feasible plan.

Metrolink Infrastructure Improvements

The Board approved a cooperative agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to study and identify capital improvements needed to enhance the commuter rail service on the Metrolink San Bernardino Line.

The two agencies are targeting opportunities to upgrade the existing Metrolink Line to enhance passenger rail safety and increase capacity between San Bernardino and Los Angeles Union Station. The Metrolink San Bernardino Line is the busiest line in the system and carries more than 12,000 passengers each day. Current travel time between the San Bernardino and Los Angeles is approximately 90 minutes.

General Assembly to Include Visioning Award

In 2014, SANBAG will recognize leaders in our communities for achievements that rise above boundaries and affect change at local and regional levels. Visioning Awards will be given to individuals from each of the 24 incorporated cities and five county districts within the county of San Bernardino. The Board will then recognize the top honoree during the 2014 SANBAG General Assembly on June 12, 2014.

The Visioning Award will be granted to those individuals who positively impacted a community in 2013 by:

- Displaying leadership, integrity, and a strong commitment;
- Enhancing civic, environmental, and social stewardship;
- Working collaboratively; and
- Promoting ethical conduct and reliability.

Visit www.sanbag.ca.gov for details and nomination forms.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Study of Distribution Warehouses Focuses on Air Quality, Jobs

The South Coast Air Quality Management District has embarked on an effort to develop a more robust data set to develop warehouse trip generation rates. Two groups have been formed to provide feedback on the process.

The study is commissioned to:

- Collect warehouse population data
- Survey businesses using these warehouses
- Classify types of warehouses
- Conduct on-the-ground trip counts
- Develop trip rates for each classification
- Develop a model based on data and rates

The Board offered feedback to consider the economic impacts to our region as this effort continues. In a region still suffering from the economic downturn, job creation and retention remains on the forefront for the residents of San Bernardino County.

NOVEMBER 2013

NOV 13	General Policy	9:00 am
NOV 14	Metro Valley Study	9:00 am
NOV 14	Commuter Rail/Transit	10:00 am
NOV 15	Mountain/Desert	9:30 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV 12	Laurel Street Grade Sep Groundbreaking	1:00 pm Colton
NOV 13	HERO Launch Press Conference	10:00 am San Bernardino

* SANBAG offices will be closed:

November 11 - Veterans' Day
November 28, 29 - Thanksgiving

SANBAG, City of Ontario Celebrate Completion of North Milliken Grade Separation

City of Ontario officials, SANBAG, and state and local elected officials were joined by business leaders and community members on October 30th to celebrate the completion of the North Milliken Grade Separation Project located just south of Interstate 10 in the city of Ontario.

The 1.5-mile project involved building the railroad bridge over Milliken Avenue at the existing Union Pacific train crossing, located between Guasti Road and Airport Drive. In addition, the project widened Milliken Avenue, famous for its heavy truck volume. Signals were modified to adjust for the new configuration.



Local officials 'cut the ribbon' to transportation improvements in the city of Ontario.

Retaining walls, drainage improvements and enhanced landscaping all contribute to the

success of this approximately \$60 million dollar project in the heart of the goods movement corridors of Interstate 10 and Interstate 15.

Eliminating the at-grade crossing will significantly reduce traffic congestion, enhance pedestrian safety, and support local businesses by providing better access for customers and deliveries. Construction started in January 2011 and continued through Summer 2013. The first Union Pacific crossing on the new tracks occurred back in June 2012. Crews remain in the area establishing the stability and sustainability of the landscaping plan.



A Union Pacific train travels over vehicle traffic below at the new North Milliken Grade Separation in Ontario.

"Doing Business with SANBAG" Offers View of Contracting Opportunities

On October 8, 2013, SANBAG held its first vendor outreach event in an effort to highlight contracting opportunities and to provide a forum for small and disadvantaged businesses in the Inland Empire to market their skills to SANBAG and other attendees. The event was well-received as nearly 100 people were in attendance with another 45 firms showing interest in future opportunities.

The three-hour program was opened by SANBAG Board President Bill Jahn and Executive Director Ray Wolfe, and focused on providing an overview of the SANBAG procurement process. A panel discussion followed that featured business executives from a cross-section of consulting firms who shared their stories of growth and success. Rounding out the program was a presentation on the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program. Following the event, attendees used the opportunity to engage in networking and idea sharing as a means of establishing relationships in the industry that may lead to future contracting opportunities. Feedback following the event has been positive. Visit the SANBAG Contracting Opportunities web page to learn more how to do business with SANBAG.

